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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Of the original claims, 1-13, filed in this application, claims 5-13 have been cancelled, claim 1 has been amended and claims 2-4 remain as originally filed.

Your applicant believes that claim 1 now clearly distinguishes over the referenced art of Dvorak and Braly. Your applicant has found that placement of two opposing lamps in diametric opposition and as close as possible to a central support post, and reducing the diameter of that portion of the post adjacent to the lamps provides minimum shadowing and maximal uniformity of the light projected therefrom. The reduction in the diameter of the post adjacent the lamps allows the free end of the post to accommodate the first means for attachment as a larger diameter, i.e., a female thread, reference numeral 24 in Fig. 1. A single lamp as taught by Braly projects a large and divergent shadow to an observer looking at the lamp through the post, and a pair of lamps that are spaced away from the central post, as taught by Dvorak also projects significantly larger shadows than the instant solution. Clearly, both of the references teach away from the instant solution so that there is no basis for an assumption of obviousness. Your applicant has found the present solution to be clearly superior to those found in the prior art, including a world-wide literature search conducted by Washington Patent Services of South Pasadena, Florida and further research conducted by applicant's patent agent. Furthermore, your applicant has found the present solution to be of significant value in the commercial marketplace and has found no other lamp fixture built in the instant manner. If the examiner believes that the instant solution is obvious, your applicant respectfully requests that some support of this position be provided, as your applicant believes that the present solution is counter intuitive. Respectfully, the dependent claims are in condition for allowance for the same reasons as for claim 1.

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Your applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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